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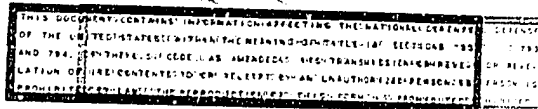
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CZECHOSLOVAK RESOLUTION ON
ON HARVESTING AND CROP PURCHASE

The Czechoslovak government on 10 June adopted the following resolution on providing for the successful completion of the harvest and crop purchase.

The UZD (Unified Agricultural Cooperatives), the STS (with the tractor stations), the state farms, and the small and middle farmers must begin preparation of the harvest immediately so that it may be completed as quickly as possible and without waste not only in the case of grains but also of other crops such as flax, hops, tobacco, vegetables, etc. The land must be stubbled immediately after cutting and stubble mixtures sown to the greatest possible extent so that the loss of ground water may be reduced as much as possible. The land must also be carefully weeded and fodder sources expanded. Experience from last year has shown that extraordinary care must be devoted to the organization of rapid harvesting and threshing; and that night threshing must be organized to the greatest possible extent.

Vigilance against the village rich, the greatest and most dangerous enemy of the working farmers, must be doubled, and their efforts to speculate on the commodities must be foiled.

The Ministry of Agriculture and the kragi, okres, and local National Committee will have to provide for the achievement of these objectives by cooperating with all components of the National Front as follows:

By helping the UZD to work out harvest plans, to discuss them thoroughly, and to adhere to the plans.

By helping the small and middle farmers to harvest jointly, with their aid on the harvest committees.

By encouraging the STS to make timely repairs on all machinery, to allocate this machinery properly, and to work out harvest and threshing plans in agreement with the UZD.

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By encouraging the State Farms to utilize fully and efficiently all their own manpower and machinery, to work out and discuss the harvest plan in a timely manner.

By encouraging the entire Socialist sector of agriculture to develop socialist competition in the broadest possible measures and to preserve socialist property and guard it carefully.

To provide for the timely and successful completion of the 1952 harvest and crop purchase of grain, the government has issued the following resolutions:

A. Exemplary Harvesting

The Ministry of Agriculture and the okras, kolkzes, and local National Council Committees shall, with the JZD in joint sowing, by means of the following measures:

1. Working out by 15 June, on all JZD and KZD jointly, plans for the harvest, including all measures to provide for timely harvest preparation, for a quick harvest, for stubble plowing, for grain removal, for threshing, for, for the fulfillment of deliveries to the state, and for the sowing of stubble mixtures. Harvest plans shall be worked out for the individual permanent working groups, fully utilizing local machinery and draft power, and these objectives shall be discussed with all cooperative members.

Discussing the harvest plan at the same time in the central council of the STS, and coordinating it with the harvest plans of the tractor brigades.

Scrutinizing the harvest plan by 25 June, in cooperation with them, the workers of the okras National Councils, from the standpoint of agro-technical time limits, and providing an overall evaluation of the harvest plan in the council of the okras National Committees.

2. Completing repairs of tractors, electric motors, binders, harvest machines, threshing machines, stubble plows, sowing machinery, roller, wagons, etc., by 20 June, and providing promptly all necessary aid for this purpose in the repair shops of the STS and in other specialized repair shops.

Cleaning, disinfecting, and ventilating, by 28 June, all grain stacks, etc., of the JZD.

Organizing food centers during the harvest, and using all local real resources to lighten the task of feeding JZD members, the STS tractor operators, and non-JZD members who are helping in the harvest. They shall provide for the continuous operation of harvest centers and shall, when necessary, organize new ones. Where conditions permit, they shall supply showers and washrooms in cooperative lavatories. They shall provide for proper housing for tractor operators and combine operators of the STS who are working at the JZD, to allow them to utilize their working day fully.

3. Discussing the experience gained from the spring work in the permanent working groups and investigating to see whether the group is equipped with sufficient draft power, etc.

Providing, through the leaders of the permanent working groups, that the work of the individual members of the working groups is noted daily in their workbooks, and that the leaders of the working groups certify these workbooks daily and regularly present them to the accountants of the JZD or KZD.

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Making the leaders of the permanent working groups personally responsible for the daily approval of the work of the STS, and making the chairmen of the JZDs responsible for approving all completed work of the leaders of the field working groups.

4. Providing for the scrutiny of fulfillment of assignments in work councils and membership meetings, and systematic development of socialist competition among individuals, working groups, and JZDs for the quickest possible and most efficient harvest, for the quickest possible fulfillment of crop-delivery quotas, and for the quick completion of stubble uprooting after cutting.

5. Rigorously maintaining that deliveries from the harvest be made primarily to the state and that the cooperative funds be provided for Advances shall be issued from the remainder of the harvest so that there will remain a sufficient quantity of goods in kind to pay for the number of work units which will be worked by the end of the year.

6. Devoting special attention to the harvest on seed-growing sections. Before the harvest the borders of the seed-growing sections shall be checked and clearly marked. The seed-growing sections shall be harvested separately when the seeds are completely ripe. This shall be done in the shortest possible time and the seeds threshed immediately after the harvest, cleaned, and turned over to the personal responsibility of the warehouse keeper who will be informed of the quantity and type of seed. Seed collected from seed-growing sections shall be used only for sowing purposes.

7. Convincing members of Type-IV JZDs of the advantages of transferring to joint farming, discussing the operational procedures for Type-IV JZDs, and providing promptly for joint stock-raising and for joint management of seed and fodder.

B. Joint Harvesting and Sowing

Recruiting the small and middle farmers in thousands of additional obcs for joint harvesting, joint sowing, scientific soil treatment, and joint farming is necessary for the further development of the JZD and for the systematic increase of agricultural production.

The Minister of Agriculture and the krai, obcs, and local National Committees shall take the following measures in obcs with lower-type JZD and in obcs without JZD:

1. In obcs without JZD, choose harvest committees from among the most progressive and most experienced small and middle farmers with the aid of the local National Committees.

In obcs with Type-I JZD, the function of the harvest committee will be carried out by the management of the JZD, with the cooperation of the other small and middle farmers.

Under the leadership of the management of the JZD or of the harvest committee of farmers, a joint harvest plan shall be worked out in the obcs, and the small and middle farmers of the obcs shall be recruited for the realization of this plan. At the same time measures will be taken to assure that all local machinery and draft power will be utilized, particularly that of the village rich, and that the plan will be discussed with the farmers at public meetings.

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2. The harvest preparations and especially the organization of joint work during the harvest shall be utilized to recruit the majority of small and middle farmers for joint sowing on large fields. The farmers will be encouraged to establish cooperatives during the harvest, and to carry out scientific soil treatment immediately after the harvest.

3. The aid of the STS in completing the harvest on large sections of land shall be provided, on the basis of contracts, through the management of the JZD or through the harvest committee of farmers.

Proposals for joint sowing and for scientific soil treatment shall be worked out with the participation of experienced small and middle farmers in the obec, and shall be discussed with all small and middle farmers.

The harvest shall be organized so that crops shall be harvested first from those plots which have been joined to make large fields for fall sowing. Fodder areas should be located so that they include land with the largest percentage of fodder growth or of second growth.

Sufficient high-quality seed for fall sowing shall be provided, as well as extra fertilizer to make up for soil depletion caused by previous crops.

4. The rapid fulfillment of delivery goals by small farmers should be organized on the basis of obec-wide threshing plans.

The harvest from cooperative land belonging to Type-I and Type-II JZD but which does not belong to members, shall be directed primarily toward the fulfillment of planned deliveries to the state. Payments shall then be made according to the quantity and quality of work done. All remaining proceeds from the harvest shall be transferred to the nondivisible fund.

5. The local National Committees are responsible for the proper completion of the harvest and the crop purchase from the village rich, and, according to local conditions, are to take all measures necessary for the fulfillment of the production plan.

6. All landholders are responsible for the proper completion of the harvest on the land which they farm, for the fulfillment of deliveries, and for the preparation of the land for fall sowing.

C. Work of the STS

The Minister of Agriculture, the kraj and okres National Committees, and the directors and agronomists of the STS shall take the following measures to ensure exemplary work by the STS and the extension of aid by the STS to the JZD during the 1952 harvest:

1. Repairs to all machinery necessary for the harvest, such as tractors, combines, harvesters, threshing machines, trucks, and stationary electric motors shall be completed quickly, and sufficient multipurpose machines shall be made available in time.

2. Harvest quotas shall be ready by 20 June, especially on JZD and in obecs where the work will be done jointly.

In concluding agreements, workers for the second shift shall be provided from among the members of the JZD, and board and housing of tractor operators in the obec shall be provided for at the same time.

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3. The harvest and threshing plan shall be broken down to individual tractor brigades, tractors, tractor operators, and combine operators, in harmony with the harvest plans of the JZD. The weekly objectives of the annual tractor-brigade plan shall be worked out a week ahead of time, and shall specify precisely the type of work for every machine, shift, tractor operator, and field.

The plans for harvesting by combine shall be worked out in collaboration with the JZD, and shall provide for the fullest possible utilization of the combines. These plans shall contain the following:

a. The operational plan for the combine and the order in which combines will be used, and information on the field, and on the crop. Fields which are convenient for combine harvesting should be specified at least 10 days before the beginning of the harvest.

b. The allocation of storage space for grain and the location of the drying plant, as well as the method of removal of grain, supplies for the combines, and the condition of the roads over which the combines are to travel.

c. Information on the seasonal and daily objectives of the combines and harvest deadlines, and the name of the combine operator and of his helper.

In cooperation with the local National Committees and the JZD, a plan should be worked out for threshing by STS threshing machines. This plan will include the allotment of threshing machines, transfers of threshing machines, a responsible person to service the machines, the utilization of threshing machines, the type of power consumed by the machines, and the organization of the collection and removal of grain.

The threshing plans shall be worked out so as to use existing possibilities of threshing by electricity, and particularly so as to use night threshing as much as possible.

The threshing plans, the allocation of threshing machines, and the plans for transferring threshing machines must be precisely adhered to.

4. Binders, combines, threshing machines, stubble-plowing machinery, and other tools must be allocated from the standpoint of providing for the needs of the JZD by 25 June, and by 20 June in southern regions; and the proper number of workers shall be provided for these machines.

5. The kraj National Committees, in collaboration with the okres National Committees, shall establish commissions composed of the directors of the STS, the chief agronomists, the machine technicians, and the workers in the agricultural offices of the okres National Committees, who will scrutinize the preparations of the STS and of their tractor brigades at least 10 days before the harvest.

Before the beginning of the harvest, STS councils are to be convened, which will discuss the STS harvest plan and its organizational provisions.

After the meeting of the STS council, machine-center councils will be convened, which will discuss the tractor-brigade plan and its organizational provisions.

Regular meetings of the machine-center councils will be organized during the harvest, at which the daily plan fulfillment will be discussed and operational plans for the coming days will be established.

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The fulfillment of shift norms and the supplies of manpower for the shifts, particularly for the night shifts, to complete stubble plowing, must be regularly scrutinized along with the quality of the completed work, the utilization of motor fuels, the completion of technical maintenance, and the mutual cooperation of the tractor brigades and the JZD. The work of the combines must also be checked daily.

Socialist competitions shall be developed among STS, brigades, and individuals, for exemplary fulfillment of agreements with the JZD, for the attainment of increased results from machinery, for lower production costs, and for rapid and high-quality stubble plowing. The competitions shall be developed by regularly evaluating them and by publicizing their results.

D. Harvest on State Farms

The Minister of Agriculture, the directors and agronomists of the state farms, and the kraj and okres National Committees shall provide for exemplary preparation and completion of the harvest on the state farms. Particularly, they shall:

1. Establish shift and seasonal norms on all farms and discuss them with all the workers by the beginning of the harvest.

Discuss the harvest plan with the workers on each farm. They shall establish precise time limits for the completion of repairs to harvest machinery and threshing machines.

Provide for the full utilization of machinery and manpower, particularly by recruiting workers on state farms for harvest work.

Provide workers in time for peak-work periods, primarily from local sources. They shall discuss with the sponsor factories and with the okres National Committees their requirements for brigade workers and the period of time during which they will be required. The brigades shall be incorporated into existing work groups, so that the permanent workers may help them and give them advice. Regular instruction of brigade workers before assigning work must be introduced. The necessary housing and board shall be provided for the brigade workers.

2. Scrutiny of preparations within the established time limits must be provided for in all agricultural and machinery centers with the cooperation of the okres National Committees.

The necessary multipurpose machinery must be provided according to scientific principles for the quickest possible completion of the harvest, and a plan for the full utilization of combines shall be worked out.

3. The quickest possible removal of grain to the threshing machines, or its arrangement in shocks, must be provided for, as must the full utilization of night-threshing. Proper stacking of straw must also be introduced.

Accurate records of the harvest and of the threshing must be introduced, along with the personal responsibility of the leader for preventing waste and irresponsible distribution and removal of the harvest.

Deliveries must be fulfilled in time, and proper storing, particularly of seed for spring grain, must be provided for.

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4. Competitions must be developed between individuals, working groups, farm sections, and farms for the highest possible overfulfillment of shift and seasonal norms, the most rapid and most efficient completion of the harvest and threshing at the lowest possible cost for the quickest possible fulfillment of planned delivery goals, and for timely and quick stubble plowing.

E. Crop Purchase

The exemplary fulfillment of deliveries of grain and other crops directly from the threshing machines to the state is the duty of the JZD, the small and middle farmers, and the workers on the state farms.

The Minister of Crop Purchase, the chairmen of the kraj, okres, and local National Committees, the agents of the crop-purchasing organs, and the directors of the kraj purchasing enterprises and purchasing warehouses, shall:

1. Provide for crop purchase according to purchasing plans which are coordinated with the harvest and threshing plans, so that purchasing will not lag behind harvesting and threshing.

Provide that strict care is used when delivering grain to purchasing warehouses, to see that the deliveries are fulfilled in the prescribed quantity, type, and quality. They shall check precisely to see that the grain delivered is not infected with weevils.

Provide that deliveries and the purchase of seed from plots under contract are given priority, that they are stored separately, and that they are prepared in time for autumn sowing.

In the main crop-purchasing campaign, they will provide accurate record-keeping and daily scrutiny of the fulfillment of purchasing goals according to quantity and type, broken down by individual okreses and krajs.

2. Provide sufficient storage space for grain by the beginning of the harvest.

Clean and disinfect all storage space before the beginning of the harvest, check and provide security and fire-prevention measures, and see that the stored grain is guarded properly.

3. Provide that repairs are made to the mechanical equipment, cleaning stations, and motor vehicles; and before the beginning of purchasing check the preparation of the warehouses.

4. The Minister of Agriculture and the directors of the plant-improvement and seed-growing stations shall provide for the purchase of seed and the preparation of warehouses and cleaning stations in their own areas, according to these principles.

F. The Task of the National Committees

The kraj, okres, and local National Committees shall:

1. Discuss in plenary sessions the resolution of the government concerning harvest and purchasing, and work out specific measures according to the conditions existing in individual krajs, okreses, and obecs.

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2. According to the conditions existing in individual obecs, the okras National Committees will work out okras-wide threshing plans, with the help of workers of the STS and the electric-power distribution enterprises, and will provide for working out similar plans for all obecs. They will give the local National Committees and their secretaries, as well as the harvest committees and the committees of rural women, all possible aid in working out and providing for the fulfillment of the established objectives.

3. Check regularly on the preparations for the harvest and crop purchase, and discuss in the councils of the kraj and okras National Committees the results of the check on the preparations which the JZD, the STS, and the state farms have made for the harvest.

4. Regularly scrutinize, and evaluate in the councils of the National Committees, the preparation and the progress of the harvest, and work out operational measures to eliminate faults and shortcomings. They shall also provide that all farmers meet their delivery quotas within the established time limits, in the case of all types of deliveries. They shall be very careful to see that the village rich are not given any opportunity to injure the interests of the state in harvesting, threshing, and deliveries. The local National Committees will provide for the care and the good operation of the threshing machines, so that no grain will be lost in threshing.

5. Provide for protection of the harvest from fire or other damage, and from sabotage by the class enemy, in collaboration with the STS, the JZD, the state farms, and the fire-fighting staffs of the local National Committees.

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